

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES

February 12, 2016

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the minutes of the January 22, 2016 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Little, that the minutes of the December 18, 2015 meeting be accepted as amended. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) CHAPTER 276:206, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; SUNUNU YOUTH SERVICES CENTER; COST SAVINGS PLAN:

FIS 15-229 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to implement the actions contained in the Cost Savings Plan to support the dual purposes within the Sununu Youth Services Center of providing both secure youth detention and psychiatric residential treatment. (FIS 15-229 Additional Information – Letter from Representative Kurk, dated November 18, 2015, containing two separate provisions relative to the funding of the Sununu Youth Services Center). Tabled 12/18/15. No Action Taken.

- (B) INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 15-280 Department of Administrative Services – Chapter 319:32, Laws of 2003 – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, Catherine Keane, Director of Risk and Benefits, and Sarah Trask, Senior Financial Analyst Risk and Benefits, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee regarding the State Employee Health Insurance - report regarding the

self-funded health benefits program from July 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015, which was postponed from the December 18, 2015 meeting.

FIS 15-279 Department of Administrative Services – RSA 21-I:19-g, III-b – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, and Tara Merrifield, Administrator, Bureau of Plant and Property Management, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Annual report of all light duty trucks whose mileage is at or below the break-even mileage requirement during FY 2015, which was postponed from the December 18, 2015 meeting.

There were no questions regarding the remaining postponed items; FIS 15-276 University System of New Hampshire – RSA 187-A:25-a – Annual Report for the University System of New Hampshire for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and FIS 15-283 Department of Administrative Services – informational item in compliance with Executive Order 2014-02 for the period of March 7, 2015 through June 30, 2015 providing detail of the exceptions granted through the Office of the Governor.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of the Committee the items under this section were removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 16-019 Department of Environmental Services – Susan Carlson, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$163,209 in federal funds through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-022 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, and Kyra Leonard, Administrator, Department of Safety responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee postponed action in order to allow the Department to call for additional representation to respond to questions regarding the request to accept and expend \$329,164 in other funds through September 15, 2016.

FIS 16-026 Department of Environmental Services – Susan Carlson, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to budget and expend prior year carry forward other funds in the amount of \$75,000,000 through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department verify if, by Federal Law, they are obligated to charge loan interest.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15, POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of the Committee the items under this section were removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 16-020 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Marcella Bobinsky, Interim Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) accept and expend \$678,574 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and 2) subject to approval of #1, establish two (2) full-time temporary positions through June 30, 2017 consisting of; a Public Health Nurse Coordinator (LG 23) and a Program Assistant II (LG 15). MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-021 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) accept and expend \$466,012 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and 2) subject to approval of #1, establish two (2) full-time temporary positions through June 30, 2017 consisting of; a Microbiologist V (LG 32) and a Program Specialist IV (LG 25). MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-023 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, and Kyra Leonard, Administrator, Department of Safety responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to; 1) accept and expend \$109,960 in other funds through September 30, 2016, and 2) establish class 046 consultant positions through September 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 16-028 Judicial Council – Christopher Keating, Executive Director, Judicial Council, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approved the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$430,000 in general funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:143, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND RSA 14:30-a, VI, FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

FIS 16-029 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$751,671 in general funds and increase related federal revenues in the amount of \$1,557,555 and increase related other revenues in the amount of \$61,714 through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-030 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$12,500 in general funds and increase related federal revenues in the amount of \$4,000 and no change to related other revenues through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-031 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$347,230 in general funds and decrease related federal revenues in the amount of \$74,999 and decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$9,630 through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:219, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFERS:

FIS 16-027 Department of Corrections – Doreen Wittenberg, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$1,896,080 in general funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide statistical overtime data to include, the ranks and the years of service of all officers receiving overtime.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 16-022 Department of Safety – Colonel Robert Quinn, and Captain Matt Shapiro, New Hampshire State Police, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$329,164 in other funds through September 15, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide statistical data for overtime details by rank, years of service, and the number of overtime hours worked.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee and responded to questions regarding; FIS 16-032 Department of Health and Human Services – Information Item on New Hampshire’s Building Capacity for Transformation Waiver and FIS 16-034 Department of Health and Human Services – January 31, 2016 Operating Statistics Dashboard report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:30 a.m.

Audits:

State of New Hampshire, Health and Human Services, Bureau of Developmental Services, Unspent Appropriations, Performance Audit Report, February 2016 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jay Henry, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Marilee Nihan, Deputy Commissioner, and Lorene Reagan, Director, Bureau of Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2015 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant and Rachel Bradley, Partner,

Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. William Dwyer, State Treasurer, Department of Treasury, was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

This report was accepted, placed on file and released at the December 18, 2015 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

Due to the lack of a quorum, presentation of The 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, New Hampshire State Liquor Commission, A Department of The State of New Hampshire and the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, Annual Financial Report, State Revolving Fund, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 were postponed until the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, March 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk